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MARIAMNE.

THE LAST OF THE ASMONAAN PRINCESSES.
A HISTORICAL NOVEL OF PALESTINE.

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The scene of the preceding night had given a violent shock to Mariamne, and she had been unable to leave her couch; Cleopatra, availing herself of her absence to endeavor to win Herod to her purpose. She allured him to the summit of the palace, and beneath the silken canopy put forth all her arts of captivating to win the suspicious king. He disembled, receiving her advances as the familiarities of friendship, and the common freedoms of her manner. It was contrary to his wish to be alone with her; but she had induced him to retire, on the excuse of discussing some matter of mutual importance. When she found him proof against all the temptation she was mistress of, pique succeeded other feelings, and led her to try his temper.

"I had heard much of the surpassing beauty of your wife, but it seems that she has been unable to retain your love. What have you done with Doris? Where is the damsel you conveyed to Strato's Tower after the triumph had left it?"

He was embarrassed, but rejoined—
"Ah Cleopatra, you may smile, but I deserve a better return for leading Antony to Strato's Tower, than the loss of my rich territory round Jericho."
The amorous queen archly replied—
"I would console you for the loss, and heal your heart with the balm of love, in payment for the balm of your fields."

"Ah, illustrious queen, you have an inexhaustible treasure wherewith to liquidate the debts you owe to many a sighing king; but I desire a more substantial payment than fleeting love."

"I would not, Herod, be unjust, and so will send you a few crocodiles to stock the Jordan, and some camels to traverse this level country."

"Nor would I be so cruel as to separate the former from their congenial country-woman, the glories of the realm; your mutual tears at parting would make the Nile overflow its banks.—Send the camels laden with love epistles, to Antony, or to some poor Syrian; they will fan the flame of the one, and be balm to the wounded heart of the other."

Cleopatra bit her lip and blushed at these rough replies, and yet continued—
"I made you a generous offer, for which I expected a return, since neither the kind Doris, the beautiful Mariamne, nor the damsel at Strato's Tower, could retain your heart for a few short months. You have been lately made a king, and so rightly follow the bright example of the wisest prince that ever filled the throne of Israel. He married an Egyptian princess; indeed the learned rabbis state his drama was written to celebrate her beauty."

"I am no poet; but when as great a cause shall excite me, perchance I may turn poet too."

"Methinks, Herod, 'twould be an eagle's note."
"Hold, queen! we should not sing in concert; your voice would be far too high for me, your flights too rapid. I must sing under another standard."

"What, desert your allegiance, Herod?"
"To Antony? Yes, when you renounce him, but not till then."

"When I renounce that noble ruler of the world, I will seek protection from the valiant Herod."

"You must pay him, then, for protection, with his balsam gardens; that, queen, shall be the first article of our treaty."

"Nay, you avaricious man! I love first; afterwards, if you require it, I will pay you."

"What with?" asked the king, somewhat more annoyed with her perseverance.
"With love and sweet words."

"Ah, Cleopatra, such payment may do for the noble minded Antony, but I should prefer my balsam gardens."

"We will not quarrel about these fields; you shall have your balsam gardens again for a trifling annual tribute. What will you give me?"

"I accept your offer, and will pay you double the tribute you require."

"Well, what will you give me?"
"I will of course pay you in your own current coin—love and sweet words."

"Fie, you prodigal! I will obtain Mariamne's consent before I sign the treaty. If she agrees and Doris accords with her, and you can insure the favorable countenance of the damsel in Strato's Tower, we will sign the treaty."

"The assent of the lady of the Tower I have; for you know that Cleopatra only has been there."

She interrupted him, and added—
"I think the matter may be considered as settled; for I see that Mariamne would not care about her consent; and as to Doris, she always did as she was ordered."

Herod quickly answered—

"Our bargain, as you say, is complete; so you have only to transfer the gardens, and I will directly pay you as much of the tribute as can be justly desired."

Cleopatra feigned surprise, and smiling replied—
"I entirely forgot. It will be necessary to obtain Antony's consent. Shall I use my influence with him? He will not be angry with you. Why look so serious? Think you that he will?"

"Queen, you exact too much, in truth, you deal hardly with me. Shall we descend and visit the theatre, or command the musicians and dancers to attend?"

"You may go to Strato's Tower, if you please I shall go to Mariamne, and tell her the offer you have made me for the balsam gardens."

They descended together. Salome joined them in spacious court and was immediately led by Cleopatra towards the arched. On the way, she told Salome the substance of her intended communication, who instantly perceived the pain she would inflict, and gladly conducted her to the apartment of the queen, jocularly exciting her to pursue her purpose. She declined entering the apartment herself; but, after introducing the queen, did obeisance, and retired.

Mariamne partially raised herself from the cushions on which she was reclining, but gave no welcome to her visitor. This reception abashed the intruder, who came with the intention of revenging what she considered the insults she had received. She sank with a careless air on a cushioned couch near Mariamne, and thus began—

"I grieve me to see that the roses of health have left your cheek. Alas, you are as worn and wan as one who has traversed the burning desert, or perchance one who had pined from hopeless love. I came to tell you, that I have been discussing a matter of some import with your husband, beneath the tent, on the summit of the palace."

Mariamne made no reply; the blood began to flush her cheek, but she restrained her indignant feelings, and changed them to contempt, which was, against her inclination, somewhat expressed by her mouth. Cleopatra observed it, but knew too well the symptoms of a wounded heart, not to be certain that she could pour, by her pretended jocularity, some burning drops on it, which could add to her anguish.

Dermah stood behind Mariamne, and was calmly scrutinizing the Egyptian's countenance, who thus continued—

"Herod is more than angry at Antony's compelling me to take the balsam-gardens at Jericho, so I have offered to let him have them for an annual tribute. What do you think it is?"

Mariamne calmly replied—
"Queen of Egypt, it must be more than you have any right to receive, since the territory is neither yours nor Antony's to give. Even the triumvir cannot bestow what he has unjustly taken by force of arms."

"Since you are both so hurt at losing these few fields, if Antony will permit us, I will gladly return them. The tribute offered me I never will receive without your consent—I directly told your husband so."

Then, affecting jocularity, she laughingly added—
"Doris too must give her approbation. Now can you believe that he offered to pay me a tribute in sweet words and love?"

Mariamne coldly, and with some dignity, replied—
"No, I do not believe it; and have good reasons for my incredulity."

"Your people are celebrated for their incredulity, so I could expect no more from you. But I assure you his offer went still further; he proposed double the tribute; but you know that I cannot in honor accept it, without the consent of his wives; and I have added the approbation of the damsel of Strato's Tower."

At these last words, Mariamne's eyes were fixed upon the queen; her cheek was crimsoned, and she became greatly agitated. Cleopatra feigned concern, and approaching her said in a tone of affected tenderness—
"Alas, I have struck too tender a chord; but forgive me—it is only an idle tale I heard. Why are you so deeply agitated? The Tower is a mere ruin now. Were you ever there?"

Mariamne looked at her as if she would read her inmost thoughts, then proudly answered—
"No; but I suspect my name has been foully used, and some vile substitute placed there instead of me. Do you know who that was, and for what purpose? It must have been a shameless one, or it would not need so much secrecy."

Cleopatra laughed, as she replied—
"You have not much reason to be distressed. We Egyptians know more of the strategy of love than you. Will you consent to the payment of Herod's tribute?"

Mariamne rose from her couch, and glancing a look of indignation and contempt on the abandoned queen, left the apartment, followed by Dermah.

Cleopatra rejoined Salome, and though mortified at Mariamne's conduct, merely remarked, that the pride of the Asmonaans had not been over-rated. On the following day, so one was permitted to enter the royal arched, at which Herod was pleased, because he considered the refusal of arising from mortification on the part of Mariamne, and therefore made no request for admission.

Banquets, trials of military skill, public spectacles, and games, were celebrated in honor of the royal visitor. Herod seized the opportunity of securing the affrages of the soldiers and the mass of the population, by her prodigality and apparent kindness. The illness of Mariamne was felt by the people, notwithstanding the great attempts that were made to occupy their attention. The king perceived it, and suffered some uneasiness at any one being held in as great consideration as himself.

On the evening of the third day, Cleopatra left Jerusalem, accompanied by Herod and a numerous escort. Besides the cavalry were many beasts of burden, with tents, and every luxury the country could afford. When the night closed in, the leading bands lighted their vessels of pitch and flax, and bore them aloft

on long poles. The band of musicians whiled away the tedious hours of the march by songs and the sounds of murmurous instruments. On the signal for resting being made, sentinels spread themselves along the open plain; hundreds of attendants unloaded the animals and raised the royal tents, while others more immediately about the person of the queen were ready to spread the costly carpets, prepare the bath, sprinkle the liquid odors, light the incense, and put in order the refreshing viands; so that when the royal cavalcade reached the spot, everything was found, that luxury could devise, to refresh them after their weary march. Having reached Beer-ramoth, the king escorted his guest across the river, and bade her farewell on the confines of her country. He waited until the last of her retinue could no longer be distinguished from a lofty eminence, then hastened back to Jerusalem.

Although Mariamne never supposed that her husband's affections had been won by Cleopatra, she was indignant at his attempt to distress her by his marked attentions, and was angry at being made subject to the insults of his abandoned woman. The conduct of her husband towards her had blighted all her hopes, and increasing suspicion of every person of worth and influence, and the numerous sudden executions and confiscations, filled her mind with terrible apprehensions. During her temporary absence from the capital, she prepared herself for the interview that must take place on her return.

Dermah, by her conversation and firmness of nature, excited her to greater exertion, both of mind and body; while her affection for her children made her determine to exasperate, as little as possible, the fierce and mistrustful monarch. She could not help believing that he still loved her; but she saw too clearly, that the possession of power, the want of principle and dependence on Providence, had broken down the few restraints which had existed over her mind, and that he was rushing onward in a gradually increasing career of cruelty and sin. Her sense of duty prompted her to wish to win him back to the paths of peace, while her judgement told her that the attempt would be fruitless.

The aged Cypros was more than usual in her arched, and was evidently concerned at the alteration in her person and manner, and often tried to cheer her with promises of happiness to come; she even severely censured her son, spoke with feelings of resentment against Cleopatra, and condemned the unjust hostility of Salome, which was now publicly commented on. It seemed as if habitual piety, and a deep conviction of the emptiness of all human possessions, had produced a state of mind that rendered her perceptions of right and wrong instinctively certain and quick, accompanied with a fearless resolution of acting as these dictates directed by her. Dermah soon discerned that her actions were sincere, and the genuine results of that mental state, which, on the approach of death, are sometimes possessed and then used her conviction as a means to soothe and even influence the queen. Hyrcanus and Cypros met often before and after conversed with painful composure on their approaching dissolution, since both were far advanced in years.

Salome, not having access to the queen, had thought it prudent to retire from Jerusalem, and wait the event of the approaching interview between Herod and Mariamne. Alexandria was still under the partial control of a confidential officer of Herod's, and added much to the unhappiness of her daughter by her senseless complaints, and indiscreet abuse of the king.—She had addressed Cleopatra during her visit; but they were all ignorant of the purport and result of the application. Babarrah had been sedulously separated from his wife, and thus prevented from guiding them from his counsel, and checking the king by his presence; for Herod could not help being restrained by the wisdom, virtue, and courage of such a man; his presence, it is true, was daily more irksome to him, since no man can endure to live under the scrutiny of continual disapprobation when conscious of deserving it, yet to weak to profit by the lesson, and not yet hardened enough to remove the individual by violent means.

About this time the affairs of the Roman world had reached an some of confusion, that made it evident, Caesar and Antony would contend for the dominion. Herod was preparing to assist the latter, who, falsely confiding in his strength, directed him to wage war with the king of Arabia. Before he set out on this expedition, he returned to Jerusalem.

Mariamne made no preparation for his reception, but remained shut up in her private rooms. His love for her was still a pervading feeling; and though he had lately conducted himself in a manner not calculated to inspire that opinion, he was anxious to restore harmony between himself and the queen. After traversing the court, and receiving the congratulations of the officers of state and courtiers, he passed on to the arched, mortified at the queen not being there. Attendants warned him of his approach; she appeared not to heed it, but continued instructing her eldest child in some portion of the law. She was yet pale, and a settled calmness overpowered her brow. He opened the folding curtains, and with conciliatory feelings quickly advanced to embrace her.—She arose, and received his embrace without warmth and without return, while a tear filled her eye, that hung while among the long lashes, then fell upon his hand which held hers.—He was agitated, and, with some emotion, said—

"My beloved Mariamne, why receive your husband thus? Alas! there are cases enough in life, without unnecessarily adding to them."

She raised her eyes—the deep melancholy expressed by them was not lightened by the most transient feeling of pleasure at his words—and gently replied—

"I, a suspected wife, after being exposed to the insults of a murderess and shameless woman, and made a scorn of any people by your conduct towards me, could receive you in no other way. The cares of life are either, for the most part, our own preceding, or have their origin in the effects of others' errors—my woes

spring from both these sources, the greater number from your proceedings."

Her look, the manner in which she said these words, and the temporary feelings of contrition that crossed his mind, revived his love, and he would have pressed her to his breast, but she withdrew, saying—

"I was not born to play the hypocrite; before I can receive your kindness, I must not only be assured of your perfect confidence, and be restored to my honors with becoming respect, but screened from any farther attacks of my enemies. It is not my nature to endure insult at one time, and affection at another, according to your caprice; I am not to be made the object of foul and cruel suspicion today, and the cause of your shedding an uncle's innocent blood, and on the morrow the object of your earthly love. I prefer death to such degradation. O, how opposite such insults, such deeds, to all you professed and promised me, when, as an inexperienced woman, I listened to your addresses!"

Towards the conclusion of this speech her words were in a more animated tone, but her expression was still unaltered. Herod was disturbed, and love was contending with his native violence, which an earnest desire to regain, on any terms, her forgiveness quickly found a place in his mind, and called into action his dissimulation. After some hesitation, he said, in a conciliating manner—

"I cannot bear to hear you; there was something prophetic in the sound of your words. I cannot bear you talk of death: I mean of your dying. I—I will not."

He burst into an immoderate flood of tears, and fell upon her neck. Mariamne was surprised, and wept with and consoled him; then lifted her child, who cried because he saw his parents weep, and presented him to his father, and cried from natural sympathy, he knew not why. Herod was overcome; and for a short period all the fast-waning better feelings of his nature seemed revived. Mariamne saw it, sent her child away, and opening her arms, affectionately embraced her husband, ignorant of the true cause of his dreadful agitation and again, with irresistible softness, tried to win him back to the paths of righteousness and peace. She prayed, and listened to hear her words repeated from his lips. He trembled, the words faltered on his tongue, and he sank down in an agony of grief, and wept aloud.—

She permitted the violence of his grief to be exhausted before she spoke; but during this time her soul was in fervent prayer for him. It was some time before he recovered even a partial state of composure, when he tenderly embraced her, and went to his own cabinet, as if to commune with himself.

Her abhorrence of the crimes of Cleopatra and her accidental reference to her murdered brother, had roused the slumbering vengeance of his conscience, attended with the sudden terror of detection by the only being he really loved; his superstitious feelings had been also awakened at the same time by the incidental mentioning of her dream; and for a time remorse, anguish and almost despair, assailed him. He cast himself on the ground, wept, beat his bosom, and recalled every minute circumstance attending the deaths of Aristobulus and Zillab, and upbraided himself with every term of reproach. In the paroxysm of his repentance he was on the point of denouncing himself and demanding death; the shame of exposure alone prevented him. When the force of his feelings was somewhat exhausted, the suspicion of detection flashed across his mind and some infernal spirit prompted the idea of removing the possibility of discovery. That thought he shuddered at and rejected; and some tears forced their way from his eyes at feeling himself sunk so low as to have, for an instant, allowed the cursed thought to occupy his mind. It was night before he was restored to his usual state; he sought Mariamne, humbled himself, and begged her forgiveness, and obtained it with the declaration, that "as confidence was slow of growth, she should not feel dependence until his actions were according to the laws of their holy faith." Their children were brought, Mariamne dared to think for a moment that there might yet be days of happiness in store for her. Cypros joined them, and by her simplicity and piety showed how sincerely she rejoiced on their reconciliation.

On the next day Herod ordered a splendid banquet, and invited Hyrcanus, Alexandria, and his own family, and many nobles. The most precious offerings were brought with his own hand to his queen, and the most distinguished marks of honor shown her; he even publicly declared her from the throne the regent of the kingdom during his absence to carry on the Arabian war.

The Arabians, aware of Herod's intention to wage war on them, had advanced to Led with a considerable army. Near the place he engaged and routed them, and they retreated to Kanah, where another army was soon collected. The king tried to follow up the advantages he had gained, and led on his men flushed with victory. The enemy was discomfited and given away when Athenio, Cleopatra's general and an ally, by her orders traitorously attacked a flank of Herod's army, which so dismayed them, and gave such fresh courage to the Arabians, that they were routed and dispersed with great slaughter. Herod collected all he could find of the remainder; and, being aware that the Arabians had mustered all their forces, marched immediately towards the frontiers of their country, to compel the victorious army to relinquish their intention of marching against Jerusalem, and make them return to their own territory to defend it against his predatory attacks.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

SWITZERLAND.—In spite of numerous petitions and amendments to the contrary, the Act guaranteeing liberty of worship has been passed by a majority of two, fifty-two voting for, and fifty against the measure. The clause contains the stipulation, however, that Sunday is to be recognized as the public day of rest. Before the passing of this Act, the State granted freedom of worship to "Christian Churches" only. And yet Switzerland is a Republic—a land of liberty.

MANNA.

The most remarkable production of Kurdistan is the celebrated vegetable known here by the name of Manna, which in Turkish, is called Kudret-hal-vassia, or the divine sweetmeat. (Lieut.-Col. Chesney's Expedition for the Survey of the Rivers Euphrates and Tigris). It is found on the leaves of the dwarf oak, and also, though less plentifully and scarcely so good, on those of the tamarisk, and several other plants. It is occasionally found on the sand, and also on rocks and stones. When thus found it is a pure white color, and appears to be more esteemed than the tree manna. Mr. Rich, in his account of the country—and he is a very high authority, for he was many years the learned and much respected Consul-General for England, at Bagdad—seems to think this is another kind of manna; but Mr. Mornmud Rassam, also a high authority, considers it to be the same, with the simple difference of being from the leaves and other impurities taken up with it when shaken down from the trees or plants.

Manna is collected chiefly at two periods of the year: first, in the early part of spring, and again towards the end of autumn. In either case the quality depends upon the rain that may have fallen, or, at least, on the abundance of the dews; for, during seasons of drought, it is understood that little or none is obtainable. In order to collect the manna, the people go out before sunrise, and having placed cloths under the oak, larch, tamarisk, and several other kinds of shrubs, the manna is shaken down in such quantities from the branches as to give a supply for the market, after providing for the want of the entire family. The Kurds not only eat manna in its wild state, as they do bread or dates, but the women make it into a kind of paste, when it resembles honey. In this state it is added to other ingredients used in preparing sweetmeats, which in some shape or other, are found in every house throughout the East.

The manna, when partially cleaned, is carried to the market at Mossul in goat-skins and sold at the rate of 5 lbs. for about 2 1/2. For family consumption, or for export to distant parts, it is first thoroughly cleansed from the fragments of leaves and other foreign matter by boiling.

In the natural state it is of delicate white color, and of a moderate but agreeable flavor. It is well described in the Bible (Numbers, chap. ii. 7) as being like coriander seed. Calmet, in his dictionary, says that it is met with not only in Arabia, but also in Poland, the mountains of Lebanon, and other places. Burckhardt describes it in his "Tour in the Peninsula of Mount Sinai," as being of a dirty yellow color, slightly aromatic of an agreeable taste, sweet as honey, and being of the nature of a purgative when eaten in any quantity. This great traveler says that the Arabs esteem it as their greatest luxury, and that the season for collecting it lasts six weeks.

ENTERPRISING FIRM.—The "Market Report" of Messrs. Littlefield, Webb & Co., published weekly, covers the range of prices of staple products, and the only one regularly published by any commission house in San Francisco. It is highly valuable for reference, if placed on file, containing a complete history of our market for the entire year. This firm receives consignments, and makes liberal advances on bills of lading or good security.

BERLIN.—A committee of prominent scholars and bankers has recently been formed in this city for the purpose of relieving the distress among the Persian Jews. One of the members of this committee has, in a single day, collected the large amount of 1,000 Thalers among wealthy members of the Jewish community, and it is expected that this sum will at least be doubled through the activity of the whole committee. All apprehensions as to the proper distribution of the donations among the sufferers have been completely removed by the fact that the noble minded Sir Moses Montefiore, of London, has assumed the task of such distribution.

THE FOLLOWING is an extract from a note written by one of our prominent judges:—
"DEAR DICKEN.—Mary has suffered for several weeks by reason of wakefulness caused by indigestion and heartburn. Moved by her suffering we gave her, contrary to the advice of our doctor, Chlorel Elixir. This made her sleep at night, but increased the trouble during the day, besides, it took away what little appetite she had, and gave her a distressing headache. Mrs. F. jokingly said one morning, about a week ago, maybe Dicky's Creme de Lis would do her good. In a day or two Mary's appetite returned, sleep came kindly, the ill effects of the Chlorel were off, and she was well. The sly puss had gone to taking the Creme de Lis and swallowed nearly the contents of the bottle in three days." Comment is unnecessary, as the numerous lady patrons of the Creme de Lis will fully appreciate the above paragraph.

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(From the "New Era.")
THE JEWS AS MISSIONARIES OF CIVILIZATION.

BY REV. DR. JASTROW.

It can hardly be called a matter of argument in our days, that every healthy national development in culture, science, religion, and government, is based on and kept up by the intercourse between different nations representing different views, different elements of civilization, different public institutions, different social organizations, and whatever may be either the cause or the consequence of these differences. Nor can it be any longer a subject of doubt in our age, that the first and most powerful medium of intellectual exchange between nations is commerce. It is this commerce that carries from place to place, from port to port, not only merchandise, but also ideas which now are interwoven, as it were, in the goods themselves, now innocently smuggled in with the imported cargo; and merchants have been up to the present time the unsalaried agents of culture, no matter whether they knew it or not, whether they desired it or not.

Whether protection or free trade exists, the article called ideas all tariff laws, or, as Susekind von Trimbach, the German troubadour of Jewish persuasion, sang in the thirteenth century:

"Thoughts nobody can forbid the foolish nor the wise;
 Thoughts through iron slip, through stone, steel, and ice."

In the same way as international commerce is an agency for the exchange of ideas between nations, so is local trade the means of mutual intellectual development between those differing in religious, political, and social views and education, in the same country, or even the same city. It is so, not only because commercial transactions sharpen the mind, the traders learning from each other many a permitted or unpermitted manoeuvre—it would be sad, were we to call this culture and civilization—but commerce brings to market, simultaneously with the comforts and refinements of civilization, a refinement of manners; and refined manners and habits produce a desire for education, while from the desire for education to education itself there is scarcely one more step.

Much, of course, depends upon what preliminary condition, what political and religious fabric commerce meet with, according to which it may produce genuine or debased culture, real refinement or mere outside polish. This much, however, is undeniable, that, certain conditions presumed, commerce is the first agent in the work of civilization.

Now, were we to speak of the influence of the Jews on human civilization, we had to point at the trade, whether on a large or small scale, as having been carried on in a prominent way by the Jews, as far back as history can trace, since their return from the Babylonian exile, and more especially since the expeditions for conquest of Alexander the Great. Cuvier, a French physician and author of the time of the French Revolution, says: "The (the Jews) were our agents and bankers at a time when we did not yet know how to read and write."

Depping, a German author, by no means favorably disposed to the Jews, writes as follows in his "Jews of the Middle Ages":

"What more than all must astonish us is their superiority in mercantile enterprises, which the European nations were reluctantly obliged to acknowledge. The clergy persecuted the Jews as enemies of Christendom; the people abused them as children of Israel and as usurers; the kings extracted wealth from them as from a mine of silver, would leave them at times a prey to the rage of the populace, and without the least blush of shame take possession of what they were compelled to leave behind when fleeing; and yet, when clergy, princes, and people had satisfied their hatred and avarice on those strangers who understood how to enrich themselves at their cost, it was often found that, when money was needed, there were no able men for raising it, and consequently no more useful men to society than the Jews, especially at those times when governments, as well as individuals, frequently found themselves at a loss how to be extricated from calamities into which they had plunged themselves."

But trade of itself is but the unconscious, and sometimes even unwilling, means of civilization, and its representatives, as such, only blind tools in the factory of culture.

We, however, purpose to show that the Jews have been something more than blind tools, something beyond the dead iron trucks over which the freight of ideas has passed to different nations, but rather that they have been agents fully appreciating and carefully watching the goods which they carried. We will show how the Jews acquired intellectual materials where they offered them, and, after working them up in their own mental workshops, and combining them with their own original products, delivered the transformed materials either back to their former owners, or to other nations, that wanted an apostolic awakening to be aroused from their slumber of ignorance and barbarism, or that suffered from an aged and sickly culture, and longed for a new supply of vital humors.

We intend in this article to select only that most interesting epoch, when, for the first time in history, the Jewish ideas, after being fully and distinctly stamped and coined, came in contact with another civilization, no less marked, nay, even already leaning toward decay. We mean the Greek civilization.

It was in the days of Alexander the Great and his successors that Jews and Greeks, those two most opposite nationalities, made each other's acquaintance. Indeed, a stranger contrast has never been shown to the world.

Here a nation of stiff gravity, supported by an austere monotheism; to some extent gloomy, tolerant, but easily inflamed to fanaticism when opposed in the exercise of their religious rites and laws; full of deep and serious reflections even amidst their joyful festivals; all their habits bearing the stamp of morality; proud, yet impulsive; with an idealistic disposition, yet realizing to the full extent a practical adaptability to all the affairs of life.

There the light-clad grace of the self-sufficient, complacent Greek, comparable to a coquettish girl whose movements are all calculated to excite admiration of her beauty; nay, going even beyond that—greedy of pleasure, frivolous, and entirely given up to the present—mindless about the morrow; decorating his religion with exquisite taste; humanizing his gods; deifying his men; now an unbeliever, now superstitious, now trembling before his deities, now joyfully playing with them like a child.

Such were the two opposite elements which, once brought into contact by Alexander's expedition, were destined to amalgamate and produce a new culture.

Judea itself, the home of the Jews, was the least adapted for this amalgamation, for it is always with reluctance that the native appreciates the immigrant and acknowledges his superiority in any branch of human culture.

On the other hand, if the immigrant, as it was the case in Judea, comes with the pride of the conqueror, he will hardly feel inclined to sit down as a pupil at the feet of the subjected people.

Moreover, the Syro-Macedonian Greeks predominating in Judea possessed little more of the Greek character than its faults and shortcomings, its looseness of morals wedded with Macedonian brutality, its light social manners set off by only a thin coating of Grecian varnish.

In Egypt, however, the Jewish and Greek elements met on equal terms; both of them were immigrants and felt the same interest to keep in check both the Egyptians natives as well as the Macedonian immigration, in order to be secured against the power of the mob on the one side, and the savage national hatred on the other. In Egypt, and especially in its capital, Alexandria, that trait of ideas was developed which is called the Jewish Alexandrian culture.

It is highly interesting to observe the impression which the Jewish views on religion and life made upon the Greeks at their first meeting. We have here the reports of two men of celebrity, both of them contemporaries of Alexander the Great, one of whom mentions the Jews occasionally, the other devotes to their description a special book.

Clearchus, a disciple of Aristotle, in one of his works represents his great master giving an account how, with his companions on a journey through Oeae-Syria, (a province of which was Palestine), he made the acquaintance and became the friend of a Jewish "philosopher," and was surprised to find him a perfect Greek "not only in speech but even in ideas."

A Greek, meant in those days what we call an educated and accomplished man, a gentleman, in contradistinction to a barbarian, as the Greek used to call any one belonging to other nations.

In their philosophical conversation, says Aristotle, the Jew was more suggestive than receptive, gave out more ideas than he took in.

On that occasion we learn from the Sage of Stagira that the Jews were called philosophers among the Syria, perhaps in the same way as we call the Germans the nation of thinkers.

Aristotle, when speaking of the Jewish capital, says, it has a queer, awkward name, it being called *Horusalmis*. This shows how strange and remote at that time was everything Jewish to the Greek. The Jews were to the Greeks, and the Greeks to the Jews, a discovery of a new world of intelligence. But what the world-renowned Sage here says of his Jewish friend, that he gave more than he took, is applicable in general to the mental intercourse of the Jewish people with other nations; they gave more intellectual stimulation—more, so to say, mental ferment than they received; they paid their debts to their teachers or the human race with interest, and no nation in the world has ever had a just reason to regret the presence of the Hebrew element among them; nay, we dare say that there is no nation that can well afford to do without that spiritual balm scattered by a wise Providence all over the earth.

The next report of the early encounter of these two mentioned species of culture comes from a historian and philosopher, to whom, as to a scholar, the somewhat unusual testimonial is given that he was skillful in practical public affairs—his name is Hecataeus of Abdera. After the death of Alexander the Great he accompanied the general Ptolemy Soter, the founder of the Ptolemaic dynasty in Egypt, on his expedition. It is to this Hecataeus, who took such an interest in the peculiarities of the sons of Abraham as to have written a book, or perhaps two, concerning them, that we owe some statistical notices on the land and people of Palestine, as likewise on the active participation of the Jews in the military enterprises of Alexander the Great, as well as those of his heirs, who were fighting for the dead lion's spoils.

Hecataeus admires the Jewish view of life, which he calls "a holy and sublime one;" he gives credit to the Jews serving in the army for their consistency in keeping their religion sacred, in spite of all persecution, and scorn, and even misconstruction to which they were frequently exposed.

One fact related by Hecataeus is too characteristic to be passed over in silence. He remarks:

"As I was marching to the Red Sea, there was on our staff among Jewish horsemen who conducted us, a man of great courage and bodily strength, and by all allowed to be the most skillful archer that was either among the Greeks or barbarians. Mosollam (Meshullam) was his name. Now this man, as people were in great numbers passing along the road, and a certain augur was observing an augury by a bird, and requiring them all to stand still, inquired why they stood still. Hereupon the augur showed him the bird from whence he took his augury, and told him that if the bird staid where he was, they ought all to encamp here; if he got up and flew onward, they must go forward; while, if he flew backward, they must retire again. Meshullam made no reply, but drew his bow, and shot at the bird and killed him; and as the augur and some others were very angry, and wished imprecations upon him, he answered them thus: Why are you so enraged as to take this unhappy bird into your hands; for how can this bird give us any sensible information concerning our march, which could not foresee how to save himself. For had he been able to know what was in the future, he would not have come to this place, but would have been afraid lest the Jews Meshullam would shoot at him and kill him."

It was in this negative that, subversive way that the Alexandrian Jews worked into Christianity, and even after that period in co-operation with the Christian apostles and teachers—we mean subversive with reference to heathen superstition, heathen prejudices, and heathen deification of men. The shooting at the bird of heathenism was their mission in Egypt.

But before the Jews could enter on that mission they first had to know the language of the educated of those times; they had first to learn how to speak the Greek tongue, how to think with the Greek mind, and how to empty their own treasure of ideas into Greek vessels. In these efforts they were assisted, beside their own vivacity, by the eagerness for knowledge which distinguished the Egyptian Greek, no less than by the love of the art and science for which the Ptolemaic dynasty is renowned.

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Major Burg.

Burg wurde im Jahre 1789 zu Berlin geboren. Sein Vater war Buchhalter in einem hessischen Lande. Er ward als junger Burg erst das fünfte Kind zur Welt gebracht. Der sehr gebeugten Witwe blieb die schwere Sorge für sechs unmündliche Kinder. Das hinterlassene Vermögen war ganz unbedeutend und die Witwe zu ehrgeizig um irgend eine stillen Unterstützung anzunehmen. Die treffliche Mutter erzog ihre sechs Kinder mit unerschöpften Anstrengungen, die Michel einzig durch die Arbeit ihrer Hände erwerbend. Burg besuchte bis zum fünften Jahre eine Elementarschule, in welcher er gleichzeitig den Unterricht im Gelehrtsich, im Vielerlesen und selbst im Talmud erhielt; später kam auf die Hochschule. Da er aber wenig Lust zur Schulung und große Neigung zum Bauwesen entwickelte, so gab ihn die Mutter in das Gymnasium zum grauen Kloster. Hier blieb er bis zu seinem fünfzehnten Jahre und kam dann zum gemeinen Betier, dem Baupinspektor Saah, demselben, über dessen im Stillstehen zurückgelegte Carriere wir nicht uninteressante Aufzeichnungen bekommen. Nach den erlangten nöthigen Vorbereitungen besuchte Burg die Berliner Akademie. Er ermahnte den angepregeltesten Fleiß seiner Ausbildung, die treffliche Mutter aber scheute sein Opfer ihm noch nebenbei Privatunterricht in der Mathematik von tüchtigen Lehrern geben lassen, was schon 1807 beauftragte sein Examen als Conteur und Gelbmacher mit Erfolg abzulegen. So wurde er bereits in seinem achtzehnten Jahre zum Baubausdienst verwendet, ohne das ihm bisher keine wichtigen Hindernisse bereitet hätte. Bald war er in Stande durch Privatunterricht in der Mathematik die Mutter in ihren Laffen zu erleichtern. Gleichzeitig besuchte er die Akademie der Künste in Berlin, und verwendete die Pausenstunden, um zu seinem zweiten, dem sogenannten Baucausvorzubereiten. Eben im Begriff es abzulegen, als 1813 — der denkwürdige Aufruf Königs „zu den Waffen.““ Entsetztend wie die Weilereruisse griff er auch in die künftige Beschäftigung Burg's ein.

Alig. Stricker behauptet, daß der Alig-
hof nicht eine andere Gelegenheit abgemerkt
habe, um zu sprechen. Ein Jude habe nicht
bedacht, sich in innere Angelegenheiten der evange-
lischen Kirche zu mischen. (Die ferneren Aus-
sagen des Redners werden häufig von Heiter-
keit, die sich oft bis zum schallenden Gelächter stei-
gert, anderseits aber durch Aufstehe: Zuchtauston!
vocativ, unterbrochen.) Redner (sagt u. A.,
er habe die Rede des Ministerpräsidenten nicht zu ver-
stehen und auf den Ruf: Hört! Hört! erwiderte
u. A.: Hört! Hört! Ja, ich bin nicht der Minister-
präsident (Gelächter), wenn ich einmal sein
Redner (Gelächter), so werden Sie ganz andere
Bemerkungen hören. (Schallendes, anhaltendes Geläch-
er.) Redner tritt auch den Ausführungen des
abgeordneten Müller entgegen; er apophthorisiert
einmal: Herr Pastor! und wiederholt dies,
er habe deshalb vom Präsidenten corrigirt und auf
die Gehörsanordnung verwiesen; links rief man:
Kuchhausaufseher! Redner wünscht, der Kir-
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Ueber die Bühne ging jene durch Zwangsmittel umgekehrte Pöffe gerade nicht sehr besonders, ein Umstand, der jedoch weniger dem Spiele der Einzelnen als dem wenig abgerundeten Zusammenhange zuzuschreiben war. Und gerade diese Pöffe bedarf eines am so besten Zusammenhanges, als ihre Handlung an und für sich durchaus keine einheitliche ist, und ihre komische Kraft am meisten in Szenen verborgen liegt, die mit der Grundidee des Stückes in nur sehr lockerem Zusammenhange stehen. Ein gutes Zusammenwirken ist hier also, da es das bindende Glied für die verschiedenen Elemente des Stückes abgeben muß, unbedingt notwendig, wenn nicht die Pöffe, wie dies am vergangenen Sonntag geschah, eines großen Theils ihrer Wirkung verlustig gehen soll. Der Hauptcharakter des Stückes „Schnepperlein“ liegt überdies den guten Willen seines Darstellers, Herrn Reichlich durchschimmern, aber das steife, edle Wesen des Künstlers, das durch den Anflug von Geschäftigkeit, den er mit aller Kraft seinem Spiele aufzubringen versuchte, nur noch gemächter erschien, harmonisierte denn doch zu wenig mit dem Wesen eines Industrielliers, dem es durch sein vornehmendes einseitiges Wesen gelungen ist, das unbedingte Vertrauen des reichen Barons zu erwerben. Etwas von seiner Beweglichkeit hätte ihm Herr Lube abgeben können, denn die Darstellung des Selbstvertrauens schwebenden Barons, der außerordentlich gut gelungen war. Man merkte es dem Künstler an, daß es ihm vergönnt gewesen, das Weib eines Berliner Barbers an der Quelle zu studieren, und deshalb spiegeln sich auch in seiner Leistung mit charakteristischer Treue dessen wunderliche Eigenschaften wieder. Herr Helmer machte einen recht guten Eindruck, während Herr Scherer wohl selbst fähig mochte, daß er in der Rolle des Künstlers nicht an seinem rechten Platz war. Sein halb gezwungenes, halb widerwilliges Spiel ließ es wenigstens so erscheinen. Die Damen Wolf und Werner hatten sich der Ausarbeitung ihrer Rollen mit Fuß und Liebe unterzogen. Die erstere sowohl, als tugendhafte Schänkmamsell, „Maria Klein“, wie die Regie als Tochter des reichen Barons, brachten auf's Beste die typischen Figuren, wie der Dichter sie gezeichnet zur Anschauung.

— Procto fa. Ein zahlreiches Auditorium begrüßte am vergangenen Sonntag die Aufführung des Melodrama's „Procto fa“ durch die vereinigten Gesangs- und dramatische Section des C. F. Turnvereins. Es war eine schwierige Aufgabe, die jener Verein mit seinen zum Theil dilettantischen Kräften sich gestellt, ein in jeder Beziehung so complicirtes Stück, wie Procto fa darzustellen, doch löste er sie mit einer Sicherheit und einem Geschick, die alles Erwärten übertrafen. Nichts Dilettantisches zeigt sich in der ganzen Darstellung, glatt und abgerundet ging das Stück über die Bühne, in jeder Scene deutlich Zeugnis von dem Fleiß der Veranstalter und dem Geschick der Darsteller ablegend. Selbst die Ausstattung war eine außerordentlich glänzende, unsern Augen um so wohlthuernder, als das deutsche Stadttheater uns in dieser Beziehung gerade nicht sehr verwöhnt hat. Ein besonderes Zeichen der Anerkennung gebührt auch dem Director des musikalischen Theils der Vorstellung, Herrn Fischer, dessen tüchtige Leitung nicht wenig zu dem Gelingen des Ganges mit beitrug.

— Ein seit einer langen Reihe von Jahren in unserer Mitte angelegener Glaubensgenosse, Hr. Henry Zacharias, verläßt uns am nächsten Sonntag, um in seine alte Heimat zurückzukehren und dort einige Zeit lang zu verweilen. Herr Zacharias hat sich durch sein reichliches und zuvorkommendes Wesen einen weiten Kreis von Freunden hier erworben, deren Wunsch wir sicherlich entsprechen, wenn wir in ihrem Namen Herrn Zacharias ein herzliches Abschiedswort zu rufen und zu gleicher Zeit die Hoffnung aussprechen, daß seine Heimkehr in die alte und seine Rückkehr in die neue Heimat eine gleich glückliche sein möge.

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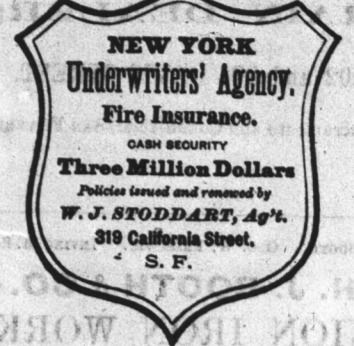
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Die esenblich Klang, als sei er in ein ernstes Selbstgespräch verfallen gewesen. Das Haupt hatte er auf die Brust gestützt, die von den schlaffen Lidern tief verhangenen Augen auf dem hohen Kockentopfe ruhend, der sorglos mit Allem plauderte, was seine lebhaften Sinne erzählten, und sich dabei außerordentlich genau verstanden meinte. Das die beiden alten Herren ihren Namen nannten und ihrer Zukunft gedachten, hörte die kleine Weise eben so wenig, als wenn sie schweigen und sich ihren besonderen Betrachtungen hingaben. Sie plauderte mit den rosen Wolkenfächern, deren eine lange, lange Feder aus blauen Himmel von der bleichmondlichen Spiegelfläche geführt wurde, und mit den letzten Sonnenstrahlen, die hin und wieder durch klätere Luftstreifen hindurch den Weg bis zu ihr fanden. Die fremdlichen blauen Augen wanderten hierhin und dorthin, wo es nur immer etwas zu sehen gab; sie streiften entzückt die schattigen Baumwipfel, folgten sehnsüchtig dem flüchtigen Flug der Wandertauben und begrüßten jubelnd verspätete Schmetterlinge und Sommerblumen, die seitwärts vom Wege aus dem Dickicht dem Sonnenlicht entgegenstrebten. Gelegentlich lagen sie auch zu den beiden Herren empor, deren Blicke so ernst, so nachdenklich auf dem tiefen Antlitz ruhten, und die zu den theils unverständlichen Worten aus dem kleinen Mund stets so sehr weise nickten und ihre alten Gesichter immer wieder in so freundliche Falten legten.

Ja, aus solchen Gründen wandern wir ebenfalls nach der Farm hinaus, hob Ruben endlich wieder an, und fester drückte er das zarte Händchen und gedankenvoller spähte Fint in die blauen Engelsaugen, und eine rechte Zufriedenheit empfand ich, wenn ich sehe, wie die wohlgezogenen, berben Kinder mein Töchterchen verhaften, oder die treue Frau mit ihrem Pflegetochter und zu ihm spricht, wie zu ihren leiblichen Kindern, von den ersten Grundzügen der christlichen Religion, so gut und so viel sie selber davon weiß. Auf meinen eigenen Vortritt bin ich freilich auch bedacht: Will ich die kleine doch allmählich und indem ihr Verständnis wächst, vertraut machen mit ihrer Lage, daß in späteren Jahren sie nicht erröthet, wenn sie sagt: Der mich an sich nahm und zuerst für mich sorgte, war ein Jude, und Juden waren es, die mich so unbeschreiblich liebten, als wäre ich ihr eigen Kind gewesen. Freilich, in diesem großen freien Lande, in welchem die Form der Gottesverehrung nicht maßgebend für die dem Menschen gezollte Achtung, will das nicht viel sagen; allein schon der bloße Gedanke daran gereicht mir in meinem hohen Alter zur Freude, und mein von manchem harten Schicksalschlage betroffenes Herz verjüngt sich gleichsam bei den hübschen langen Bart, Thereschen? fragte er mit ruhender Innigkeit zu dem Kinde nieder.

Thereschen entzog dem Käferfint ihre Hand und die des Juden mit ihren beiden umflammernd, hing sie sich mit der ganzen Schwere ihres Körpers an seinen Arm. Ich liebe Dich sehr, sehr, rief sie lachend aus, Du kannst mich mit einer Hand tragen, und die Mutter draußen sagt, Du seist der schönste Herr der Welt! So, das sagt sie? schmunzelte Ruben mit einem triumphirenden Seitenblick auf den verwundert lauschenden Käferfint, nun, wenn sie das sagt, muß es sein allerdings wahr; für mich um so schmeichelhafter, als Deine gute Mutter draußen noch nie etwas Anderes hat gesprochen, als die laute Wahrheit, und Du mußt ihr Alles glauben, selbst wenn sie sagt, der alte Ruben sei ein schöner Mann. Sie blickten meine Erklärung, wendete er sich lächelnd an den Käferfint, denn das muntere Kind sein Pflegetochter wieder in die Hand geschoben hatte, ich gehe nämlich davon aus, daß Kinder im ganzen Alter Alles schon finden, was sie lieben.

Fint's sonst so sorgloses Antlitz hatte einen wehmüthigen Ausdruck angenommen. Wie in New Orleans das zutrauliche Wesen Mathen's, so wirkte hier der Verkehr mit dem lieblichen Kinde überwältigend auf ihn ein, doppelt überwältigend, weil in seiner Brust Saiten angeschlagen wurden, in welchen seit vielen Jahren kein trauriger Nachhall geweckt worden war. Alles, was in dem Bereich eines fremdlichen Familienlebens gehört, hatte er vergessen; nun langsam konnte er sich daher in die neue Lage finden, in Folge dessen die Art, in welcher er seiner jugendlichen Begleiterin Wohlwollen zu gewinnen suchte, etwas komisch Unbeholfenes erhielt.

Thereschen, findest Du mich ebenfalls ein kleines wenig schön? nahm er nach kurzem Gröbeln einen Anlauf. Das Kind sah ihm prüfend in das ehrliche Gesicht. Du bist schön, aber nicht so schön wie mein Großvater, sprach es mit kindlicher Bedächtigkeit.

Des alten Juden Gesicht erhellte sich und er konnte nicht umhin, den hohen Kockentopf schmeichelnd zu klopfen.

Mit diesem Urtheil können Sie sein recht zufrieden, entschuldigte er sich bei dem Käferfint, der gar nicht wußte, was er vor Vergnügen antworten sollte, ja, recht zufrieden. Kinder haben im Allgemeinen ein wunderbar klares Vorgefühl, und ich muß gestehen — es mag freilich nur geringen Werth für Sie — führen Sie die kleinen Urtheile hin, mein volles Vertrauen schenken. Ja, so hoch schätze ich kindliche Ansichten, die noch fern und fremd sind jeder Berechnung.

Dann schaute auch er gleich dem Käferfint vor sich nieder, als hätte er die im Staube des Weges zerstreuten Steine zählen wollen. Langsam schritten sie einher, ihre Bewegungen sorgfältig nach denen der zierlichen Füßchen regend. Thereschen plauderte wieder in kindlicher Weise; ihr liebes Gesicht floß gleichsam über vor unendlicher Glückseligkeit.

im Tone ihrer Stimme prägte sich aus, wie schön sie die beiden alten Herren fand. Und einen solchen Gegenstand bildeten sie in der That zu dem kleinen Mädchenantlitz, der hageren Jude mit der Halsbinde und dem langen Barte, und der biedere Käferfint mit dem fadenförmigen Nadeln, dem hohen, eingetauchten Cylinderhut und den schiefgetretenen Stiefeln, die gewiß seit vielen Wochen elendiglich nach einem Bröckchen Schwärze und näherer Bekanntschaft mit einer weichen Bürste schmachteten. Selbst die Absonderlichkeiten in ihrem Aeußeren, die Pfropfenzieherlöcher auf des Juden Schläfen, der gen Himmel wehende Riemen an des Käferfint Halsbinde und die benachbarte offenehende Anhängelschleife seines Nadelns sahen aus, als seien sie eigens dazu bestimmt gewesen, kleinen Kindern das Spielen mit den beiden ehrwürdigen Hauptern zu erleichtern.

Die Sonne stand zu tief um noch einzelne Strahlen zwischen dem Buschwerk hindurch zu der langsam einherwandernden Gruppe hinüber zu jenen, dämmerige Schatten lagerten sich auf die Landschaft. Die lieblicher Sonnenschein des heiteren Frühlingmorgens ruhte es trotzdem auf dem jungen Kindesantlitz; herbstliches Abendroth schmückte die ersten Züge der beiden schmerzlichen erregten Alten. Wie dem Gesange der melodischen Sportvögel, lauschten sie immer nur auf das muntere Gepläuber der kleinen Weise.

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Die Judenfamilie.

Wohl fünf Minuten waren die vom Zufall zusammengeführten alten Herrn, das Kind zwischen sich, schweigend einhergewandert, als bei einer Biegung des Weges der Wald sich vor ihnen öffnete und sie einen Ueberblick über eine Anzahl eingefriedigter Stoppelfelder gewannen. Manche derselben waren noch nicht lange dem Urwalde abgetrennt, wie mit Bedacht getriebene Baumstämme und angelegte Wurzelfstumpen fundierten. Hin und wieder weideten Kühe und Pferde. Alles deutete auf die Nähe einer Stadt, in welcher das ländliche Element noch vorherrschend. Dagegen spreizten sich in der Entfernung von etwa fünf hundert Schritten drei großstädtische zwei lange Schornsteine, von welchen der eine die Lage der Brennerlei, der andere die Stätte der Mahl- und Schneidemühle bezeugte. Auch weiße Giebel und Schindeldächer wurden in größerer Anzahl sichtbar; dieselben wechselten ab mit schattigen Waldbäumen, die von den Erbauern, so weit es mit dem Zweckmäßigen vereinbar gewesen, als Hauptzier ihrer Gärten und eingefriedigten Vorhöfe vor dem allgemeinen Verderben bewahrt und geschont worden waren.

Hier wäre also mein Ziel, bemerkte der Käferfint, als hätte er sich noch lange auf dem stillen Waldwege, in seine melancholischen Betrachtungen verfunken, mit dem Kinde und dem alten Juden einherbewegen mögen; wie viele aufspringende Mögliche habe ich schon gesehen, die ich heute nicht mehr wiedererkennen würde! Zum schnellen Einporblühen scheint diese indessen nicht die richtige Lage zu haben, und doch auch wieder eine glückliche; denn nirgend entdeckte ich Spuren von dem noch immer tobenden erbarmungslosen Kriege.

Die Kriegsungeheuer sind bis jetzt vorübergegangen, ohne uns erheblich zu schaden, bestätigte Ruben, möge Gott dieses kleine Erdemwinkels fernerhin in seinen gnädigen Schutz nehmen; das Volk, welches hier wohnt, verdient es wenigstens. Der Spekulant findet bei uns ein beschränktes Feld für seine Unternehmungen, wovon die natürliche Folge, daß die hier anwesenden Leute selten verziehen. Indem sie aber viele Jahre hindurch gute Nachbarn bleiben, treten sie einander näher; sie bilden gewissermaßen eine große Familie.

Ihren Sohn werde ich zu Hause treffen? fragte Fint, sich nunmehr mit Gewalt den Juch der seiner Reife ins Gedächtnis rufend, zu welchem er die Reife unternommen hatte.

Du zweifelst antwortete Ruben zuversichtlich, offensichtlich verdauend mir einer freudlichen Veranlassung Ihren Besuch, so daß es meinem Sohne erleichtert wird, Ihnen zu dienen.

Ich komme nicht in meinen eigenen Angelegenheiten, sondern im Auftrage Anderer, denen ich mehr als mir selber einen guten Erfolg von meiner Sendung wünsche, erwiderte Fint vor sich.

Sie kommen aus dem Süden? Von New Orleans; gehalten Sie mir eine Frage: Sind Sie Theilhaber des Geschäftes Ihres Sohnes? Mein; obwohl ich bin noch ziemlich rüftig, wollen weder mein Sohn noch dessen Frau, die der Herr geeignet mit irdischen Gütern das sie stehen in meiner Schuld und müssen abtragen Alles, so ich gelassen und gethan habe an ihm, meinem letzten Kinde. Aber sie schenken mir ihr Vertrauen in allen Dingen, daß ich Ihnen rathe, wo meine ergrauten Erfahrungen mögen reichen weiter, als die ibrigen.

Während sie langsam auf dem Wege zwischen den eingefriedigten Stoppelfeldern dahin schritten, spähte der Käferfint um sich, als wäre er über irgend einen wichtigen Entschluß mit sich zu Rathe gegangen. Der tiefe Friede, der ihn umgab, das eigentümlich begabliche Stöhnen und Rauschen der Dampfmaschine und der sich feierlich auf die Natur senkende stille Abend schienen endlich eine Entscheidung herbeizuführen, denn er lehrte sein Antlitz plötzlich mit einer Hast Ruben zu, wie wenn Jemand hinter ihm gestanden und durch Ziehen an dem gen Himmel wehenden Halsriemen etwas nachgeholt hätte.

Im Stillen ist's trübe, im Norden herrscht Sonnenschein, sprach er mit einer am Angestrichen freudigen Schätternheit. Ruben blickte ihn überaus in die Augen. Auf Wegen folgte Sonnenchein, antwortete er schnell.

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